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Title: System and Method for
Arranging Shipment and
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please enter the following preliminary amendment in the above-captioned case.

In the Specification:

Please amend the priority information paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1, of the specification as follows:

This application claims the benefit of priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/247,272, filed Nov. 10, 2000. This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/675,258, filed Sept. 28, 2000. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/675,264, filed Sept. 28, 2000.

A marked-up paragraph showing the changes is enclosed on a separate sheet.

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